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Dear Dr. Weed:

I am writing primarily to ask whether you could direct the following request for cultures to the proper channels, but also, I must admit in hopes of re-opening our correspondence (ref. my letter of February 23).

In response to my enquiry, Dr. D. W. Bruner, now at Cornell, wrote that he had deposited the following at the Army Medical School during his service in Italy. If they have been preserved, they would be very useful for some of the work currently in progress here:

1) Cultures of Salmonella napoli: I IX XII 1213:enx. The single stock culture now carried at the CDC at Chamblee by P.R. Edwards is not suitable for my immediate purposes, and I may have to examine a number of others if possible.

2) Salmonella, somatic group B, non-motile. We have the means of restoring, by transduction, flagellar function to non-motile variants, thereby unmasking the unexpressed flagellar antigens. I would like the opportunity of applying this technique to as wide a variety of cultures as possible. If any epidemiologically relevant information is available, this would be appreciated as well.

Yours sincerely,

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